

Sergeant Manning has gone beyond the call of duty as a soldier and as a father. Married to Donna Manning for over 30 years, they have raised two talented sons, Trace and Madison. Sergeant Manning's brave and resilient character is apparent through his sons as they have both fought personal battles against Cystic Fibrosis. As the family endured troubling times, Sergeant Manning did not waiver in his duty to country. In fact, his patriotism resounded so deeply with his sons that they encouraged him to serve overseas while the two combated their illness. In 2008, the Manning family faced the hardest battle of all when Trace passed away. Tried and true, the Mannings are exemplary in perseverance and patriotism.

Loyal to the things we value most, Sergeant Manning's moral compass points true as he places family and nation above himself. He constantly seeks opportunities to improve life for those around him. Admired and respected by all, Sergeant Manning is the ultimate example of an American patriot.

It is with great pleasure that I honor today, a decorated war hero and a noble father. I commend Sergeant Manning for his dedicated service and his selflessness that motivates everyone around him.

DR. GUY SCONZO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the fine career and outstanding public service of my friend, Dr. Guy Sconzo. Dr. Sconzo has devoted four decades to the education of our nation's youth; beginning as a teacher and then working as an administrator. He is retiring after leading Humble Independent School District for the last 15 years as Superintendent. He has devoted his life to education and bettering our community, and it is with great pleasure that I express my admiration and gratitude for his lifelong service. I offer him my utmost congratulations for his long and successful career.

Dr. Sconzo began his career as a teacher—in his home state of New York—after graduating from Wagner College in 1973. He then earned his Master's Degree at New York University, and his doctorate at Ohio State University. He served in many different teaching and administrative roles in New York, Ohio, New Jersey, and Oklahoma. He then made one of the best decisions of his life, he moved to the great State of Texas in 2001 as Superintendent for Humble ISD.

During his career, he has achieved numerous awards and recognition at the local, state and federal level for his leadership and hands-on involvement in the success of the students at Humble ISD. In 2013, he earned Superintendent of the Year by Region 4 and last year he led Humble ISD to being named the Best Large District in Texas by H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. His dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of the teachers, staff and students under his supervision as well as the community. His intellect, eagerness, and vision will be sincerely missed by not only Humble, but the many other communities that he has touched.

Dr. Sconzo is a dedicated family man, having been married to his wife Diane for 41 years, and the proud father of two adult children; Michael and Jennifer. Dr. Sconzo and Diane are looking forward to traveling and spending time with their four grandchildren.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I commend this remarkable leader for his exemplary service and dedication to the State of Texas. I thank him for a job well done and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he enters into this new phase of life.

CLINTON THOMAS SAWYER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Clint Sawyer as a member of the United States Merchant Marine Academy Class of 2016.

Clint will graduate from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on June 18, 2016, and he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Clint's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Clint and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy Reserve officer.

As Clint embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Merchant Marine Academy.

I would like to send Clint my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

COMMEMORATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the historic Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Pensacola, Florida.

The Catholic presence in Pensacola traces back more than 450 years ago, upon the first settlement under the command of Don Tristán de Luna y Arellano in 1559. Following a series of military conflicts to occupy or maintain settlements in Pensacola and hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast, under the command of General Bernardo de Gálvez in 1781, the Spanish defeated the British and recaptured Pensacola. It was in May of that year that Father Cyril de Barcelona blessed an old wooden two story warehouse on the water-

front for a church to establish a parish of St. Michael the Archangel, and on June 6, 1886, present-day St. Michael Church in downtown Pensacola was formally dedicated by Bishop Jeremiah O'Sullivan of Mobile, Alabama.

With a red brick exterior and Florida pine interior, the church became adorned with life-like Stations of the Cross, memorials bearing the names of pioneer Catholic families and eventually 24 breathtaking stained glass windows, 23 of which were recently restored, that were designed and created by world renowned artist Emil Frei.

St. Michael Church, whose mission is to "Proclaim Christ and to Encounter Him in Word, Sacrament and Service," grew to be an intrinsic treasure to the Northwest Florida community with its historical significance and architectural beauty and was elevated to minor basilica status on December 28, 2011 by his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel of Pensacola and its parish's more than 235 years of faithful service to God and to the Northwest Florida community. Vicki and I thank them for their dedication and pray for their continued success. May God grant the parishioners of St. Michael's many more years to come and may His blessings continue to shine down on them.

JUSTIN PRENDERGAST

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Justin Prendergast as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2016.

Justin graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in aerospace engineering and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on May 27th, 2016.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Justin's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Justin and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Marine Corps officer.

As Justin embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Justin my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO FRED SHEHEEN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a legendary figure in South Carolina,